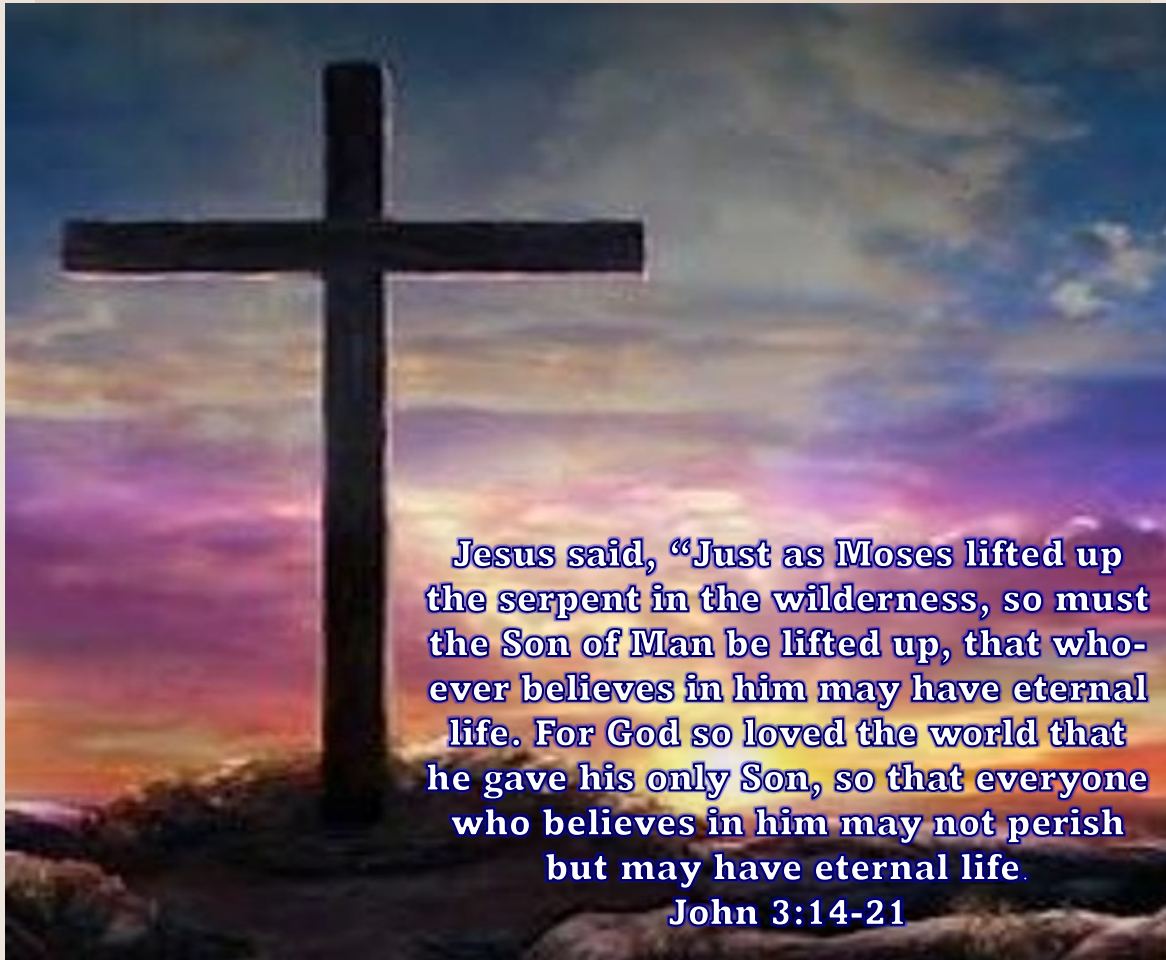


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

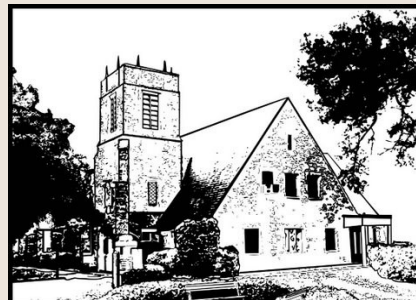
John 3:14-21

To All who are weary and need rest;
To All who are lowly and want friendship;
To All who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever
will come...

The Church opens the door and says in the
name of the Master

Welcome to St. Paul's

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,
Bishop of Texas
2024 VESTRY
Senior Warden –
Rebecca Rutledge
Junior Warden – Ray Hancock
Clerk - Bill Smith
Arlene Howland
Jay Todd Cleaver
Joe Maglothin
Organist/Choir Director–
Don Ball, Jr.
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Rite II (Family Service) 10:00am
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Holy Eucharist Rite Two

The service is in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), a blue book.

Hymns are in *The Hymnal*, a maroon book. Hymn numbers beginning with "S" are at the front of *The Hymnal*.
Or *LEV, Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal Or Renew Hymnal*

Celebrant: The Rev. Mark Wood
Deacon: The Rev. Margaret Light
Homilist: The Rev. Mark Wood

Hymn

Come, Thou Fount

The Hymnal 686

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

The Book of Common Prayer p. 355

CELEBRANT: Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

PEOPLE: **His mercy endures for ever.**

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

S-91

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

(See Readings Insert)

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

Anthem

God So Loved the World

Choir

Please be seated.

The First Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Book of Numbers (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm:

READER: The psalm appointed for today is Psalm 107 (See Readings Insert)
We will read responsively by whole verse.

The Second Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel reading.

Sequence Hymn (Vv. 1& 2) *Shepherd of Souls* *The Hymnal 343*

DEACON: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: John 3:14-21 (See Readings Insert)

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn (Vv. 3 & 4) *Shepherd of Souls* *The Hymnal 343*

The Sermon

Following the Sermon, all stand and say **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the
Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers of the People

LEADER: Holy One in our midst, as we travel our Lenten path toward the treachery and betrayal of Maundy Thursday and the torture and death of Good Friday, we come seeking your mercy and guidance.

We pray for the peace, unity and renewing of all members of your Church. Cast out any evil spirit that seeks to divide us from one another. Fill us with the love and desire to embrace our neighbors and to follow where Christ leads us.

Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons that they may faithfully and boldly proclaim the Gospel of Christ. Empty them of the temptation to preach the comfortable message that demands nothing of their congregation. Fill them with the passion that drove Jesus that they may kindle in us your vision for our lives.

Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in this nation and every nation in the world. Empty all leaders of vanity and personal ambition for power. Fill them with the wisdom and desire to seek the peace and welfare of the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for eyes that see the orphaned child, the hungry, the refugee, the sick, the lame, the destitute, the prisoners, and for ears that hear the cries of all those who live loveless lives, those who mourn and those who die friendless. God of the falling sparrows, empty us of our indifference to the suffering of others. Fill us with the light of Christ that we may illumine the darkness around us and enable us to be faithful witnesses of the Gospel of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We remember our brothers and sisters who have left us. Do not let our grief at their passing consume us. Fill us with the faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on Earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before.

Lord in your mercy,

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Awaken in us the abiding love you have for your creation. Empty us of our callous disregard of the boundless beauty of the universe and our failure to exercise responsible stewardship over the Earth's resources. Fill us with wonder at the abundance we receive from your creation and increase our commitment to share that abundance with our neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Guide us in the ways of your justice and truth, and teach us to live, not out of fear, but out of trust in your promises. Roll away the stones that block our pathway into your kingdom. Empty us of anything that separates us from your love, and let joy gush up from the parched ground of our lives.

Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

CELEBRANT: [*Concluding Collect*]

Confession of Sin

BCP, 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says .

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace
(All stand.)

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

When Christ was Lifted

The Hymnal 603

Doxology

All Things Come of Thee, O Lord



The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer p. 361

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**

CELEBRANT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The people stand or kneel.)

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Eucharistic prayer continues

BCP, 363

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN

CELEBRANT: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer
People and Celebrant

The Book of Common Prayer p. 365

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:

Fraction Anthem:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

CELEBRANT: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*We joyfully invite all baptized Christians to join us at the table of our Lord.
If you prefer to receive communion in the pews, please let the ushers know.
If you do not wish to receive communion, but instead wish to receive a blessing,
come forward and stand or kneel at the altar, crossing your arms over your chest.*

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **(Amen.)**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **(Amen.)**

Communion Music:

<i>Humbly, I Adore Thee</i>	<i>The Hymnal 314</i>
<i>Here, O My Lord</i>	<i>The Hymnal 318</i>
<i>My God, Thy Table Now is Spread</i>	<i>The Hymnal 321</i>

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer p. 366

All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Hymn:

Amazing Grace

The Hymnal 671

The Dismissal

DEACON: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE WEEK AHEAD	
Sunday, March 10	
8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Rite II, with Deacon Margaret Light
9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
9:15a.m..	Lenten Study of Ruth with Deacon Margaret Light and Father Mark
10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion, Rite II, with Father Mark
Monday, Mar 11	St. Mark's Lenten Series at 5:30pm.
Wednesday, March 13	Art Class at 9:30am with Shirley Marshall
Wednesday, March 13	Lenten Fellowship and Supper is 6:00pm in the parish hall.
Thursday, March 14	Game Group at 10:00am with Teri Duos
Sunday, March 17	
8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Rite II, with Deacon Margaret Light
9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
9:15a.m.	Lenten Study of Ruth with Deacon Margaret Light and Father Mark
10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion, Rite II, with Father Mark
Monday, Mar 18	St. Mark's Lenten Series at 5:30pm.
SAVE THE DATE:	
Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday
Thursday March 28	Maundy Thursday Agape Meal 6:00pm, Service following the meal.
Friday, March 29	Good Friday Service 12:00 Noon
Saturday, March 30	Holy Saturday
Sunday, March 31	Easter Sunday, Morning Prayer, Rite II, at 8:00am with Deacon Margaret Light Breakfast 9:00am Holy Communion, Rite II, 10:00am with Father Mark
FEAST DAYS	
March 19	St. Joseph Feast Day
WELCOME VISITORS!	
We are glad you are here! Please sign the visitor's book located in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how we can make your experience at St. Paul's more joyful. You can call our office at 409-883-2969 or e-mail us at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com .	

Happy Birthday	
Morris, Haley	3/01
Bromley, Reese	3/03
Jarmon, Gage	3/06
Livingston, Lin	3/10
Hollier, Amber	3/10
Rotsch, Mr. Walter	3/11
Martin, Mrs. Amber	3/14
Latta, Mary W.	3/15
Bean, Foss	3/17
Walker, Krispen	3/21
Walker, Bob	3/27
Hall, Mrs. Donna	3/27
Silk, David	3/28
Works, Brandi	3/31

Happy Anniversary	
Jerry & Sherlon Jones	3/15

The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024	The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024
Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers
10:00 AM 1 st Reading and Psalm Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ruth Hancock	10:00 AM 1 st Reading and Psalm Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-13 or Psalm 119:9-16 Annie Reeves & Aidan Reeves
EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Ephesians 2:1-10 Allison Maglothin Gospel: John 3:14-21 Rev. Margaret Light Sermon: Miles Hall Rev. Mark Wood	EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Hebrews 5:5-10 Becky Rutledge Gospel: 12:20-33 Rev. Margaret Light Rev. Mark Wood
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Ray Hancock Ushers: Earl & Pat Geis Altar Guild: Ray & Ruth Hancock Bill Smith	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Bill Smith Ushers: Anne Breitenstein Altar Guild: Pat & Earl Geis Delores Sterling
Flower Guild: No Flowers during Lent	Flower Guild: No Flowers during Lent